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Mail Center closes for lunch

Effective immediately, the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Official Mail and Distribution Center, Building 22408, will be closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. daily until further notice. For more information, call Joe Garcia at 533-3717.

Heritage month volunteers

The Military Equal Opportunity office is currently planning this years Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration. The office is looking for volunteers to help plan/coordinate this event. If interested, call MEO at 533-3696, 533-5305 or 533-1717.

Job Match Day mentors

Celebrate the Month of the Military Child in April with the second Job Match Day. Military and civilian mentors will be matched with Smith Middle School eighth-graders April 25, from 8:15 to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to volunteer as a mentor, call JoAnne Ellsworth, Smith School counselor, at 459-8967 or e-mail ellsworthj@fthhuachuca.k12.az.us. Volunteers may also call Javier Barron, school liaison officer, at 533-1133 or e-mail javier.barron@hua.army.mil.

DIS renovates parking lot

The Directorate of Installation Support will be sealing and restriping Indian Scout Road and the parking lot of the Mountain View Golf Course Friday-Monday. The facility will be closed all day Friday, open Saturday and Sunday, and closed on Monday until noon. Motorists are asked to obey all traffic control devices. For more information, call 533-1443.

DIS will also be constructing additional parking stalls, sealing the asphalt and re-marking selected parking areas within the Post Exchange complex. The sealing and remarking is expected to be complete by Monday. Patrons are asked to obey all traffic control devices and to exercise caution in the construction area. For more information, call the contract Management Division at 533-1442.

Retirement ceremony set

The next Installation Retirement Ceremony takes place Friday, at 4 p.m., on Chaffee Parade Field. The ceremony is open to the public.

This ceremony is an excellent opportunity for community members and visitors to this area to attend a colorful ceremony rich in the heritage of the best of U.S. Army traditions.

The past, present and future come together as Fort Huachuca soldiers and B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) conduct a pass in review. B Troop will have a change of command ceremony immediately following the retirement ceremony.

Visitors to Fort Huachuca can obtain a temporary pass by showing their vehicle registration, driver's license and proof of insurance.

Commissary produce sale

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will hold a one-day "Produce Sale & Show" under the big tent in the parking lot, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drawings will be held throughout the day for one DVD player, one CD player, 12 Easter lilies and Commissary gift cards.

Events include a Sunkist Mesa Citrus demo at 10 a.m., vegetable garnishes and floral arrangements at 11 a.m., stir fry and pot stickers demo at noon, oriental stir fry and using edible flowers at 1:15 p.m., and tomato and potato tips at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 533-5540.



Sgt. Maj. Timmy Andrews, G2 sergeant major for the U.S. Army Special Forces Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. talked with the students and gave them feedback on the importance of their job now and in the future.

Fielding Phase II

Initial Entry Training soldiers completed the first Phase II portion of the 98H10 Communications Locator/Identifier Course developed and implemented at Fort Huachuca. Phase II specifically deals with tactical signal intelligence and ground surveillance systems. This is the first time these topics have been taught to the 98H Military Occupational Specialty in an IET environment. The eight-week Phase II portion is in addition to the already 22-week-long course. For the complete story, see Page 3.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class James Betsch

Spc. Brian Meyer trains with the PRD-13 Version 2.

ASC briefs work force on NETCOM



Photo by 1st Lt. Meredith A. Burgin

Col. Melita E. McCully, U.S. Army Signal Command chief of staff, makes a point at a town hall meeting March 21. The 90-minute meeting in the auditorium at Greely Hall was to explain the latest developments regarding NETCOM to the ASC work force.

By Carol Conner
ASC PAO

"We should feel real good about where we are today," said Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton, speaking to the Army Signal Command work force during a town hall meeting March 21 about ASC's planned transition to Network Enterprise Technology Command.

Greely Auditorium was packed with soldiers, civilians and contractors who had been wondering how they would be impacted personally by the recent announcement that Army Signal Command is to become the core organization for the creation of the new "direct reporting command" called NETCOM. Hylton, ASC commanding general, introduced his chief of staff, Col. Melita McCully, and NETCOM transition team member Larry McKenzie, who then briefed the work force on the upcoming changes.

McKenzie told the audience that the new NETCOM would belong "lock, stock and barrel" to the Department of the Army.

NETCOM will be the single authority to operate, manage and protect the Army's enterprise-level "infostructure," and as

NETCOM, we will report directly to the Chief Information Officer/G6 at Headquarters, Department of the Army, he said.

"This is part of the Army's regionalization effort," McKenzie added. He explained that as the Army transitions to a regionalized entity, NETCOM would

be identifying a regional chief information officer for each regional headquarters.

These regional information offices would consist of a customer support center and a network service center.

Each NETCOM

regional office would exercise technical control over all directorates of information management currently owned by installation commanders, he said.

"The goal is one network with seamless, enterprise-level control of information management for common user services and the Army's war-fighting forces," McCully added.

She pointed out that ASC is no stranger to reorganization. "This command has done it many times," she said, as she led the audience through the process the command's tran-

We are not becoming a major command or a field operating agency. We will be a 'direct reporting command,' and having a presence in the beltway is vital.

Col. Melita E. McCully

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Army reviews rules governing weight control regulation

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — While the Army is currently reviewing its rules governing the weight control program in Army Regulation 600-9, don't expect to see any changes before fiscal year 2003.

That guidance and a message to stick to the current policy were sent to senior noncommissioned officers last week by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley in a "SMA sends" e-mail.

"Don't let your soldiers get caught up in the speculation about changes to the program," he stated. "Rest assured that any decisions we make will be driven by what's best for the health of our soldiers and the readiness of our Army."

Last updated in 1986, the latest review was partly prompted by a Government Accounting Office report and a Department of Defense directive for the armed services to get more standardized programs across each.

Currently, weight control and physical fitness standards are developed and implemented independently by each service.

Another reason for the review, said Lt. Col. Margaret Flott, chief of the Individual Readiness Policy Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, is the Army knows more about health issues and physi-

cal fitness based upon medical science than it did years ago.

"When I joined the Army, we did physical training in combat boots and fatigues," Flott said. "Soldiers no longer wear combat boots when doing PT because we now know that practice is not healthy. Likewise, we now wear appropriate clothing for PT."

"The review of the weight control program is about using established medical science based upon the general [United States] population — information we didn't have 15 years ago when the current regulation was written — and testing it to see what is best for our soldiers and for the Army."

The Army is still in the information-gathering stage of the review, said Lt. Col. Linda Williams, a G-1 Health Promotion Policy staff officer. The next step will be to field test proposals and practices, she said.

Following the field test, recommendations for any changes will be staffed at both the Army headquarters and major military command levels — a process which could take up to a year — before any changes might be made, Williams continued.

"We are reviewing our current policy to determine whether changes should be made and what they should look like," Williams said. "Our ultimate objective is to improve the health and readiness of the force."



Photo by Spc. Jessica Inigo

Fort Huachuca Fire Fighters receive city plaque

By Spc. Jessica Inigo
Scout Staff

Bill McCormick, Saint Patrick’s Day committee member, honored Fort Huachuca’s Fire Station 1 with a plaque of appreciation from the city of Sierra Vista March 21. The plaque thanked the firefighters for providing a grand marshal during the Saint Patrick’s Day parade in downtown Sierra Vista on March 17. Pictured from left, Bill Hathoway, Willard Posko, Capt. David Krause, McCormick, Carl Cheatum and Gilbert Gil.

Soldiers’ Lawyer

I am on active duty and going through a divorce. Is my spouse entitled to a portion of my military retirement?

Contrary to popular belief, nothing in the law automatically entitles a former spouse to a portion of a military member’s retirement, regardless of the length of the marriage. Nevertheless, federal law allows state courts to divide military retired pay as marital or community property upon divorce. While federal law allows it, the actual decision whether to award retirement pay and how much is solely in the discretion of the various state courts and legislatures. A typical — although not required — formula used to arrive at what percentage of a military retirement is owed to a former spouse is the following:

1 x Years Overlap of Marriage & Service x 100 = %
2 Time in Service

While this formula is often used, it is not required. Moreover, the division of property is negotiable during a divorce, so often a spouse will waive any entitlement to a portion of retirement benefits in exchange for other valuable assets. Be sure to speak with a Legal Assistance attorney for additional information on these complicated matters. (Editor’s note: The Soldiers’ Lawyer is provided by your Judge Advocate General Legal Assistance Office. Visit us on the web at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/usag/sja/legalassistance/> or call 533-2009 for an appointment. Legal advice may not be given over the phone.)

Scout on the Street

What are your plans this holiday Spring break?



I go to school at Cochise College, I have to write a term paper, but I do want to spend time with my family and relax.

Joanna Wolfe, wife of U.S. Army retired



We are going to Oklahoma City to visit my sister Elia.

Evelyn & Marta Harrington, family to Retired CW4 U.S. Army



I am here on TDY, but I may go to the Salt Lake River in Phoenix.

Spc. Edward Powell, Delta Troop 114th Cav.



Spend time with my family.

Sgt. Oscar Morales



To catch up on all the things that I didn’t have a chance to do before the break.

W1 Vanessa Starks, Charlie Co. 304th MI BN



I am on Spring Break from U of A, so I will just be working and exercising.

Paige Chastain, Salesclerk at Black Feather Gifts

Photos by Angelica Pequeño

Have we got news for you!

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Check it Out!

By Natalie Danforth
Administrative Librarian

Check out this week’s special features at the Main Post Library.

Quotation

Cowboy description of his spendthrift son: “If you put a dollar bill in one pocket and a wildcat in the other, I don’t know which would get out first.” Cowboy comment on the state of the economy: “If you see a rabbit and no one is chasing him, times ain’t too bad.” From *Cowboy Folk Humor* by John O. West, published by August House, c1990.

Database

Health and Wellness Resource Center. 1980 through current month or week. Use this resource at the library to find information on: Fitness, Pregnancy, Medicine, Nutrition, Diseases, Public Health, Occupational Health and Safety, Alcohol and Drug Abuse; Prescription Drugs, etc. Included are links to diet, cancer, and health assessment sites as well as government databases. Located near the Reference Desk. Printer attached.

Compact disc

Rough Guides. This series spotlights current world music styles as well as representative traditions. Each disc provides a sampling of a broad range of albums and artists associated with or unique to the country or culture being featured. A quick way to “try before you buy” world music. Countries of the African continent, South America and the Middle East are represented along with the music of Eastern Europe. India, Pakistan, Australia, Portugal and Spain. Also fun to try are the Rough

Guides to music of the Gypsies, Cajun & Zydeco, Salsa and Reggae.

Video

Nobody’s Girls: Five Women of the West. The true story of five extraordinary women who were pioneers in the American West. Blends journal entries and dramatization with rare archival footage and vintage photographs to redefine the era of the American frontier. 90 minutes. Produced in 1995 by New Video Group.

Book

Healing ADD: the breakthrough program that allows you to see and heal the six types of attention deficit disorder c2001 by Daniel G. Amen. Adults as well as children experience ADD. Published by G.P. Putnam’s Sons.

Not sure if you’re authorized to use the library? If you are a member of the Fort Huachuca community, you are authorized to use the library. That includes active-duty and retired military and Department of Army civilian personnel and their family members; contractor personnel as well as Fort Huachuca Accommodation School employees, Fort Huachuca Post Office, Army, Air Force Exchange Service and Nonappropriated Funds employees. If you can get through the Main Gate, you can come into the library. For more information, call the Reference Desk at 533-3041.

Effective April 1, library hours of operation are 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays through Saturdays; and 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays. It is located on Smith Avenue, down the street from the Burger King and next to the Main Post Chapel.

Library offers readers best selling titles

Library release

The Fort Huachuca Main Post Library offers readers an extensive selection of holding from The New York Times’ Best Sellers list, including:

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- Jack: Straight from the Gut
- The Bureau and the Mole
- Every Breath You Take
- Shadow Warriors
- Theodore Rex
- Bias
- We Were Soldiers Once...And Young
- Me Talk Pretty One Day
- Submarine

Fort instructors live motto ‘any system, any time, any place’

*By Spc. Jessica Inigo
Scout Staff*

Fort Huachuca instructors are training soldiers worldwide how to utilize new equipment integral to the Army’s Transformation.

The state-of-the-art Common Ground Station, which provides maneuver commanders a near real-time picture of the battlefield, is the next generation of Intelligence and Electronic Warfare systems, according to Capt. Vanessa Holden, officer in charge, Common Ground Terminals section.

“This is important to MI because it allows them to receive and consolidate multiple intelligence inputs,” Holden said. Before the CGS system, only a corps commander would get the level and quantity of intelligence a battalion commander now receives. “Now the hardest part of the battle is figuring out what information you don’t need,” she said.

Eight soldiers, four contractors and two IEW Maintenance augmentees are assigned as either operator or maintainer instructors as a part of the New Equipment Training team to assist the Army on being up to speed with the CGS.

Last year these instructors were on temporary duty at Army posts, both stateside and overseas, for up to 65 percent of the year teaching soldiers how to properly use the CGS.

“They go and train people all over the Army how to use this system, how to give more power to the soldiers, how to make them more effective, give them the best the Army has to offer and to train them on how to use it,” Holden said.

“They’re on the road all the time. They spend an enormous amount of time away from their families and homes.”

Holden said the CGS is a part of the spear point to Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki’s Transformation initiative in forming the Interim Brigade Combat Teams.

The CGS is a Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System designed to detect, locate and track moving and stationary ground equipment targets located beyond the Forward Line of Troops.

This new equipment processes imagery data from the Joint STARS aircraft Commanders Tactical Terminals, Joint Tactical Terminal and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

Once the data is processed, the CGS disseminates intelligence, battle management and targeting information to Army Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence nodes via LAN, wire or radio. This enables commanders to survey, target and impede enemy plans all while using near real-time data, according to Holden.

Fort Huachuca operator instructors deploy for two weeks to train soldiers who have recently received the CGS. Because the CGS is continuously improving and changing, operators must first be learned in new software and hardware.

Sgt. 1st Class Glen Wright, training developer and writer, Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, has worked



Fort Huachuca’s operator and maintainer instructors exemplify the New Systems Training Office motto — “Any System, Any Time, Any Place.” (Above) Sgt. 1st Class William Heath, maintainer instructor, teaches inside a GP-Medium tent in Kuwait during December 2001.



Spc. Jason Hallmark, Staff Sgt. Charles Lohr, Sgt. 1st Class William Heath and Staff Sgt. Randy Flores, all maintainer New Equipment Training instructors, provided training on the Common Ground Station at Fort Sill, Okla.



Sgt. 1st Class Glen Wright, operator instructor, Franc Rivera, contractor instructor, and Sgt. 1st Class William Heath, provide training in Kuwait inside a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility.

with the CGS for three years and said the system changes nearly every six months.

“[The CGS] is a good thing,” he said. “It’s really challenging. We have to stay on top of any changes so we can relate them to who we go out and teach. This is a great opportunity.”

The CGS manufacturer, General Dynamics, of Scottsdale,

Ariz., provides training packages of upgrades made to the system. This training is then taken to the field and to the soldiers using the equipment, to ensure they have the latest updates.

“This has a lot of new growth coming — new connectivity,” Luis Serrano, senior NET instructor, said. “This is a great system to work with.”



Elaine Perna, Washington, D.C. Federal Voting Assistance Program Instructor, discusses the importance of voting with an audience member after on-site training March 20.

Post kicks off Voting Assistance Program

*By Capt. Julio Salazar and David Miller
JAG Office*

Few rights are as sacred in a democracy as the right to vote. On March 20, Fort Huachuca celebrated this right by kicking off its first on-site training on the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

The program included a luncheon and training at the LakeSide Activity Centre conducted by Elaine Perna, Washington, D.C. Federal Voting Assistance Program Instructor. Personnel representing the Cochise County Records Office, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Yuma Proving Grounds, and various unit Voting Assistance Representatives of Fort Huachuca received training on the Federal Voting Assistance Program and the absentee ballot process.

The on-site training was conducted in order to assist and encourage military personnel and their family members to register to vote. At the close of the training Daniel D. Haws II, senior voting assistance officer, presented Perna with a certificate of appreciation for conducting the training.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program’s role is to administer the federal voting responsibilities of the Secretary of Defense. Consequently, the Federal Voting Assistance Program’s mission is to inform and educate U.S. citizens of their right to vote, foster voter participation, and protect the integrity of, and enhance the electoral process at every level.

The role of the Voting Assistance Representative is to disseminate accurate, non-partisan information to soldiers and their family

members concerning upcoming elections. The Voting Assistance Representatives also assist with absentee voter registration and voting procedures.

Voting by absentee ballot is a simple procedure that only requires access to the nearest post office. The first step in voting absentee is to determine your state of legal residence, which is where you are eligible to register to vote. The Legal Assistance Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate can help you determine your legal residency.

After determining your legal residence, the next step in the process is registering to vote. The Federal government helps facilitate this process by providing a Federal Post Card Application, which all states accept as either an application for a registration form, the actual registration, or as an application for an absentee ballot.

You can use this postcard to register in Federal, State and local elections. You can download the Federal Post Card Application from the Internet at the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site, <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov/>. Moreover, you can contact your unit Voting Assistance Representative for a copy of the application and assistance in completing it.

Remember, many soldiers have dedicated their lives to preserve and protect our nation’s freedom, of which the right to vote is one of the most cherished. We owe them our continued commitment to that right. Anyone who remembers the 2000 Presidential Election must attest, every vote counts. So make a difference and vote.

Training soldiers complete new Phase II pilot course for 98H MOS

*By Staff Sgt. Roger Smith
98H TS/GSS Instructor*

Training soldiers and instructors joined forces to develop and complete a new Phase II portion in the 98H10 Communications Locator/Identifier Course recently at Fort Huachuca.

Sgt. 1st Class James Betsch, in charge of course development, recruited other 98H instructors to develop and teach the eight-week Phase II portion.

Phase II has been in development since January 2001 and specifically deals with tactical signal intelligence and ground surveillance systems.

It includes instruction on map reading/land navigation, tactical radio communications, global positioning systems, Military Decision-Making Process, ground surveillance radar and several other topics.

This is the first time these topics have been taught to the 98H Military Occupational Specialty in an Initial Entry Training environment.

The eight-week Phase II portion is in addition to the already 22-week-long course.

The Phase II instructors conducted a train-the-trainer class from Sept. 22 to Nov. 30, 2001. After making minor adjustments, the pilot class began with six 98H IET soldiers on Jan. 16. The eight-week course concluded with a field training exercise March 11-13.

The six students had to conduct mission planning of their own FTX with minimal guidance from the instructors.

The students wrote an operations order that would allow them to complete all of their requirements to successfully finish this course. Each student was assigned as a team leader and had to plan each mission throughout the three days.

The students had their ups and downs, but overall they learned a lot about teamwork. The instructors also learned that not all instruction was clear to the students and some mistakes were made on both sides.



Pvt. Karliss Wesbrooks with the PPS/5B Ground Surveillance Radar. She was the only graduate of the eight-week Phase II course.

Although all six students completed the Phase II training, only one actually graduated from the entire 98H course.

Pvt. Karliss Wesbrooks has the distinguished honor of being the very first graduate of this new course.

The students also received a special visit from Sgt. Maj. Timmy Andrews, the U.S. Army Special Forces Command’s G2 sergeant major.

Andrews relayed to the students that their job is very important to the intelligence world no matter where they are assigned after graduation.

He compared this training to current Special Operation Forces operations conducted in Afghanistan and the Philippines in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The instructors hope this eight weeks of additional training will make a difference as 98Hs are currently filling the Initial Brigade Combat Teams.

VI wants servicemembers to set themselves up for success

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

Fort Huachuca’s Visual Information work order desk schedules thousands of appointments each year for service members and civilians. The entire VI team wants the cliental they serve to come out looking their best and to be informed of the proper procedure they need to follow in order for that to happen.

Greg Figueroa, chief of Visual Information, said, “We treat everybody who comes through here the same. We are trying to help soldiers to achieve the goals they have set for themselves, but they have to be prepared. A well-prepared soldier is a promotable soldier. If you have to, ask your first sergeant or your commander to look over your uniform.”

“One of the most important aspects of taking a good Department of the Army photo is being prepared and taking responsibility for your uniform and for your photo,” said Don Young, audiovisual information specialist. He has been photographing service members for almost three years and previously was an award-winning producer of historical documentaries and a college instructor

“It seems basic, but servicemembers need to ensure they have a pressed uniform and they wear all of the ribbons they are authorized,” Young said. Clients should arrive thirty minutes early in order to fill out paper work. He also said if a client cannot keep an appointment or if they are running late, a courtesy-call would be appreciated so VI can try to fit someone else in.

Young said VI will go out of their way to accommodate soldiers who are deployed or who are going to be TDY and need to have a photo taken.

The regulations that cover DA photos are Army Regulation 640-30, Photographs for Military Personnel and AR 670-1, the Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia. Photographers shoot one test photo and then take the official one. “The subjects of the photograph are allowed one natural wrinkle,” he said.

Young not only shoots DA photos, he also takes passport and Visa photos and takes photos for Advanced Individual Train-

ing soldiers’ badges and credentials.

According to Manual Torres, VI budget clerk, clients need to be aware of the fact that VI’s appointment calendar stays booked for up to a month and a half out.

“Soldiers have to schedule their appointment at least a month before their submission deadline. We stay extremely busy,” he said. He said there only 15 minutes between appointments, which makes it hard to accommodate a soldier who is waiting on a stand by basis.

Fort Huachuca’s VI provides service to at least 20 organizations on post and all of the recruiters in the state. Young said service members from as far away as Yuma Proving Grounds, Ariz., travel to Fort Huachuca in order to have their Department of the Army photo taken.

Torres also said it is extremely important for soldiers to have the proper paper work filled out and to fax it ahead of time. Service members must have a memo from Military Personnel or have a Department of the Army form 3903-R filled out with the correct Appropriated Processing Code.

TSC provides photos for promotion packets, Warrant Of-



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Don Young, VI audiovisual clerk, said an outstanding Department of the Army photo is the result of preparation and diligence. He said soldiers should have pressed and starched uniforms in addition to making sure they are wearing all of their authorized ribbons.

ficer Candidate School and Officer Candidate School packets, passports and visas and Green to Gold packets and for other DA authorized subjects/.

“If you set yourself up for success, then you will succeed. Success doesn’t come looking for you, you have to go after it,” Figueroa said.

For more information or to schedule a DA photo at least one month in advance, call 538-7129. VI’s fax number is 533-0322.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Gary Watson

Command Sgt. Maj. Jessie Husband of the 58th Signal Battalion in Okinawa carries a guidon during a trail ride at the two-day CSM/SGM Mini-Conference March 20-21 at the U.S. Army Signal Command at Fort Huachuca. About half of the 60 sergeants major and command sergeants major attending the conference were on the ride.

ASC welcomes new CSM

By Staff Sgt. Gary Watson
PAO NCO, ASC

The U.S. Army Signal Command has a new command sergeant major. Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald J. Desjardins took the reins March 22 from Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Paylor, who retired on that date after 30 years’ service.

In a morning ceremony at Brown Parade Field, the ASC commanding general, Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton, had high praise for Paylor, calling him “a soldier’s soldier, a rock, a proven leader of soldiers... and a great communicator.”

Hylton described Desjardins, whose most recent assignment was command sergeant major of the 35th Signal Brigade (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C., as “clearly the right person for this most challenging position.”

Desjardins, 48, is a native of Van Buren, Maine, and entered the Army in January 1976. Paylor, 49, is a native of Braddock, Pa., and entered the Army in July 1972. He was ASC command sergeant major since July 22, 1999.

At the change of position ceremony, Paylor bade farewell to the Army, urging NCOs to “stay in your lane. Focus every fiber of your being into that for which you are responsible.” He also urged them to “make a difference in your soldiers’ lives every day. Always demonstrate a genuine caring style of leadership.”

The 90-minute ceremony came the day after a two-day CSM/SGM Mini-Conference at



The new ASC Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald J. Desjardins addresses the crowd at the March 22 change of position ceremony at Brown Parade Field at Fort Huachuca.

ASC. Some 60 Signal sergeants major and command sergeants major from around the world attended the conference, which included briefings from Hylton and several of the ASC staff sections, as well as a trail ride and golf outing.

A retirement dinner was held for Paylor on the eve of the change of position ceremony.

the Greely Hall ASC staff. She did see some reorganization and possible career-enhancing opportunities for current staff.

“When all is said and done, you might not work for the same person or directorate, but your job will still be there,” she said.

McCully explained that NETCOM would be gaining some new missions and organizational elements from the former Directorate of Command, Control, Communication and Computers that is now the office of the

Youth Council adjudicates five cases

JAG release

The Fort Huachuca Youth Council met March 20 in the courtroom at Greely Hall and adjudicated five cases involving juvenile misconduct on Fort Huachuca.

The first case concerned a 15-year-old family member who had shoplifted a music CD from the Post Exchange.

The Youth Council ordered him to perform 20 hours of community service, write a three-to five-page essay entitled: “The Importance of Honesty in Scientific Research,” and repay his parents for any fine they had to pay to the PX.

The second case involved a 12-year-old family member who was caught affixing a discount tag to a pair of designer jeans. The Youth Council ordered her to perform 30 hours of community service, write a two-page letter of apology to her family, and tour the Cochise County Juvenile Detention Center.

The third case addressed a 15-year-old female who had been apprehended by the Military Police and identified as assisting another juvenile with attacking a 16-year-old family member on post.

The Youth Council determined that the 15-year-old female did not actively participate or encourage the attack. However, the Youth Council directed her to attend Youth Advocates, a youth activity in Sierra Vista that educates juveniles on making right decisions to avoid trouble.

Finally, the Youth Council recommended barring from Fort Huachuca two juveniles who had

failed to appear before the Youth Council when summoned.

One of these two juveniles had driven his father’s motor vehicle on post without a driver’s license. The other juvenile was the individual in the third case who had attacked the 16-year-old family member at her home on post.

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The Fort Huachuca Youth Council convenes each month to adjudicate incidents of juvenile misconduct on Fort Huachuca. It may impose rehabilitative measures such as loss of privileges, curfew, restitution and community service.

When it deems necessary to protect the Fort Huachuca Community, the Youth Council may recommend that the Installation Commander bar juveniles from the installation.

Under Federal law, anyone who reenters a military installation after being barred from the installation is subject to six months in prison, five years probation and a \$5,000 fine.

The Youth Council consists of representatives from the garrison commander, each of the three brigades on post, Army Community Service, Youth Services, Behavioral Health, Chaplain, Accommodation Schools and the Provost Marshal. The Deputy Staff Judge Advocate chairs the Youth Council.

The next Youth Council meeting is April 24 in the installation courtroom. Youth Council hearings are closed to the public to protect the confidentiality of the juveniles. For more information, call Mick Douthit at 533-5313.

Soldier court-martialed, jailed for AWOL

JAG release

On March 15, a Summary Court-Martial found a 309th Military Intelligence Battalion soldier guilty of being absent without leave for two months, as well as being absent without leave for three days and failing to go to his place of duty at the prescribed time.

The Summary Court-Martial sentenced the soldier to 15 days of confinement, 15 days of hard labor without confinement, reduction to the rank of private and forfeiture of two-thirds of one month’s pay. The soldier will spend his confinement at the confinement facility at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

Civilian gets 48 days in jail for drug possession

JAG release

On March 19, a Federal Magistrate Court convicted a civilian of possessing PCP on Fort Huachuca and sentenced him to 48 days in jail, three years of supervised probation including one year of electronic monitoring at his own expense, drug and alcohol counseling and a \$1,000 fine.

Fort Huachuca is an exclusive federal jurisdiction; consequently, any civilian who commits a crime on Fort Huachuca will face prosecution in either U.S. Magistrate or District Court in Tucson, Ariz. Soldiers who commit crimes on Fort Huachuca typically face courts-martial or non-judicial punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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sition team has used to design the new command.

She introduced a new directorate called Enterprise Systems Technology Activity. It will be located at Fort Huachuca and will be composed of ASC elements such as information assurance and operational engineering, which currently function as parts of other directorates here.

McCully told the work force that she saw no major personnel reductions or increases in

Army’s CIO/G6, located at the Pentagon.

These elements will not move to Fort Huachuca. They will continue to function from their current location in the Washington, D.C., area, she said.

NETCOM headquarters will remain at Fort Huachuca, according to McCully. However, because of the command’s broad, Army-wide information management responsibilities, NETCOM’s deputy commanding general will be based in Washington, D.C., and will be sup-

ported with a small headquarters forward staff.

“We are not becoming a major command or a field operating agency,” she said. “We will be a ‘direct reporting command,’ and having a presence in the beltway is vital.”

According to McCully, the new signs and stationery are on order. The headquarters forward will become operational in May, and ASC will officially become Network Enterprise Technology Command on Oct. 1.

Community Updates

Post locator service suspended

Due to recent world events the Fort Huachuca Directorate of Information Management has suspended its post locator service until further notice. The Department of Army has also suspended its world-wide personnel locator.

Range closures

Today	AG, AM, AU, AV, AW, AX
Friday	AM, AU, AV, AV, AX, AY
Saturday	AM, AU, AV, AX, T1, T1A and T2
Sunday	AM, AU, AV, AX
Monday	AM, AU, AV, AW, AX, T1, T1A, T2
Tuesday	AF, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday	AF, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2
April 4	AF, AG, AM, AW, AX, T1, T1A, T2
April 5	AF, AG, A, AM, AI, AV, AW, AX, T1, T1A, T2
April 6	AG, AU, AW, AX, AY, T1, T1A, T2
April 7	AG, AQ, AU, AW, AX
For more information, call Range Control at 533-7095.	

Ammo supply point closed

The Installation Ammunition Supply Point will be closed through Friday for the quarterly inventory. Emergencies need to be directed to Manny Bringas at 533-2512, or Jose Fierros at 533-3617.

AAFES holiday closures

All Army, Air Force Exchange Service facilities will be open normal hours Sunday with the exception of the following concession operations at the Main Post Exchange, Building 520303, will be closed: Beauty Shop, Flower Shop, GNC, Blackfeather Gift Shop and Accent Photo. The Barber Shop at the Mini Mall, Building 82301, will also be closed. Barber Shop service will be available at the Main Post Exchange Barber Shop 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Apply for scholarships

Applications are now available at the Fort Huachuca Main Post Library for scholarships from the Noncommissioned Officer, Enlisted and Civilian Spouses' Club. Application deadline is Sunday. For more information, call Sharon Bell at 459-8797.

After-hours birth control shots

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, through its after-hours Prime Time Clinic, will begin to provide appointments for Depo Provera birth control injections and pregnancy counseling beginning Monday. This service is provided to ease clinic access for working women. Depo Provera will be provided to women who have an active prescription and have already been receiving the shots. These women need to be current on their an-

nual Well Woman Exam as well. No Well Woman Exams will be provided in the Prime Time clinic. These injections will be provided to eligible women 5:30-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with a total of three available appointments. Pregnancy counseling will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Patients may schedule an appointment by calling 533-9200 after 1 p.m.

Scholarship applications due

The Shirley Hinkley Scholarship will be presented to a local high school senior who lives in the local area. To be considered, students must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher during the last two years of high school, and demonstrate having a financial need, a willingness to serve and provide self-help. Scholarship applications are available at Buena High School, Sierra Vista Public Library, Fort Huachuca Library and the Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop. Applications are to be mailed to the Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop, P.O. Box 12772, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85670-2772 and must be post marked no later than Monday. For more information, call 458-4606 on Tuesdays or Thursdays and ask for Lois or Diane.

DMPO makes operation changes

Effective Tuesday, the Defense Military Pay Office will begin sending all companies a monthly timeliness report memorandum informing the commanding officers if they have exceeded or failed the 92 percent timeliness standard set by Defense Finance and Accounting Service. S1s will be receiving a memorandum alerting them when the Leave and Earnings Statement pickup date is along with the training they will receive. Servicemembers must be in uniform to be served by In/Out Processing. New In-Processing times are 8:30 a.m.-noon, Mondays, Wednesdays-Fridays, closed Tuesdays. New Out-Processing times are 1-3:30 p.m., Mondays-Fridays. Transmittal Letters will be processed 8:30-11 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays-Fridays, 1-3:30 p.m., Tuesdays. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Todd Shorts, noncommissioned officer in charge of DMPO, at 533-2118.

MAC meets Wednesday

The Military Affairs Committee will host its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at the LakeSide Activity Centre. Cost of the buffet lunch is \$8.50. For reservations call the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce at 458-6940.

CDC sponsors book fair

Encourage your child's love of reading when the Scholastic Book Fair comes to New Beginnings Child Development Center April 4-17. It is a great time to share exciting books and educational learning products with our young readers. Parents and teachers will find plenty of items

to interest them, too. The fair is open each day from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check out each classroom's wish list to see how you can build your child's library. For more information, call Heidi Malarchik at 533-5209.

Garrison hosts soldier farewell

Fort Huachuca's U.S. Army Garrison invites the community to say farewell to two garrison soldiers: Staff Sgt. Frank Ketcham, garrison headquarters administration office; and Sgt. Kelly Ketcham, adjutant general. The farewell is set for 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., April 5 at La Hacienda's Boots and Saddles Room. Cost is \$6.75 for hot buffet, \$7.75 for hot buffet and salad bar, or \$5 for salad bar only. Cost includes beverage and gratuity. Guests may pay at the door (cash or check) but must RSVP to Suzette Krusemark no later than close of business April 4 for headcount purposes. To RSVP, call 533-2619 or e-mail krusemarks@hua.army.mil.

Tax Center e-files until April 5

The Fort Huachuca tax center is still available to help military ID card holders with their taxes. Electronic filing will be available until April 5, and paper filing will be available until April 15. Come by and see us. For more information, call 533-1070.

Green to Gold briefing

Know soldiers with officer potential? Encourage them to attend the next "Green to Gold" briefing April 5, 11 a.m.-noon at the Post Education Center, Building 52104.

Ed Center offers FAST class

Soldiers can raise their General Technical score and increase their reenlistment opportunities by signing up for a Functional Academic Skill Training class in the Basic Skills Education Program, which will run 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., April 8-19. Classes will emphasis English and Math skills. See an Education Counselor to schedule The Adult Basic Education test, which must be taken prior to class entrance. A pre-TABE test will be administered on the first day of class, then at the end, a post-TABE, a General Technical predictor and Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test will be administered. This is an opportunity to participate in a class that is rarely given due to budget constraints. For more information, call Bob Campbell at 533-5690 or e-mail robert.campbell@hua.army.mil.

AUSA annual symposium

The Association of the United States Army's annual Information Operations Symposium for 2002 will be April 8-10 at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, Va. Military co-spon-

sors are G2, G3 and G6. This year's theme is Asymmetric Warfare. Highlights include dinner speaker retired Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey and Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs. Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton, commanding general, Army Signal Command will also be speaking. Full agenda and online registration are on the AUSA Web site at www.ausa.org/meetings.

JITC hosts annual conference

The Joint Interoperability Test Command will host the 12th Annual Interoperability Conference April 8-11 in Building 61801, Greely Hall Auditorium (Room 1215). This year's theme is "Current Interoperability Initiatives." The conference fee is \$20. In addition to the conference, JITC will host an Ice-breaker Social 6-9 p.m. on April 8 costing \$10 per person; a Dinner Social 6-9 p.m. on April 9 costing \$20 per person; and a golf tournament 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on April 11, costing \$25 per person. Additional conference details and registration information can be found on the JITC Web page at http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil/iop_conf/2002/iop_con.htm. For more information, call Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Tom Fredericks at 538-4367 or Elaine Perkins at 538-5429.

Major promotion board

A Department of Army Promotion Selection Board is scheduled to convene on or about April 16 to consider Fiscal Year 2002 Major Army Competitive Category Promotion Selection Board Zone of Consideration captains for promotion to major. Officers eligible for consideration have the following active duty dates of rank: Above the Zone, Oct. 1, 1995 and earlier; Promotion Zone, Oct. 2, 1995 through Oct. 1, 1996; Below the Zone, Oct. 2, 1996 through Sept. 30, 1997. In order to be eligible for consideration by the board, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, PERSCOM (TAPC-MSE-R) no later than April 9. Exceptions are governed by para 1-33d, Army Regulation 600-8-29. Only original evaluation reports will be processed. Machine reproduced or electronically transmitted copies will not be accepted. For more information, call Margarethe Velazquez at 533-3267.

Water outage set

A water outage will affect Buildings 75903, 74915, 74914, 74913, 74912, 74911, 72916, 82012, 71922A and 80011 located on Carter from Irwin to Thompson on April 9. The outage will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. while repairs are made to a leaking water valve. No housing areas or barracks are involved. Outage will also affect Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Brown and Root buildings.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Community Events Calendar

To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-HUA3.

Easter Egg Hunt !!

March 30 at the U.S. Ages 5 and under, 10 a.m-noon; 6-12 yrs. at 2-4 p.m.

Games and prizes! Pictures with the Easter Bunny 2\$!

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Happy Easter!

- Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at MPC at 6 a.m. followed by a light breakfast.
- Easter Sunday Mass begins at 9:30 a.m. at Main Post Chapel Easter Sunday Mass at Kino Chapel is at 11 a.m.
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- Le Grande Easter Buffet at the LakeSide from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Cost is \$17.50 per person and \$7.95 for children 5-11 years old. Reservations are highly recommended. Call 533-2194

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April Fools Day!

- Huachuca Welcome at MCC from 8:30-10a.m. This event is open to all military, DACs, NAFs and their family members who are new to Fort Huachuca. Call Gail Mortensen at 533-6871 for details.
- School-Age Services Parent Organization at the Youth Center Bldg. 49013 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.
- Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Club meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.

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Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP) & Health Promotion

- Class meets from 2-3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info.
- Rickety Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
- National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.
- COL Johnston Elem. PTSO Meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the School Library.
- Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Cafe from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502.
- Society for Creative Anachorism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.

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Military Affairs Committee (MAC) Luncheon

- begins at 11:30 at the LakeSide Club. Guest speaker is COL Lydia Coffman. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 458-6940 for reservations.
- La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.
- SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.

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Post Accomodation School

- early release schedule: 1:15 p.m. for Johnston, 1:20 p.m. for Myer Kindergarten, 1:30 p.m. for Myer 3rd & 4th Graders and 1:40 p.m. for Smith.
- SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Cafe. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062.
- National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.
- Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.

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Green to Gold Briefing in Classroom #2 at the Ed Center

- from 11 a.m.-noon. Call Sharon Lewis at 533-2390 for details.
- SV Parks & Leisure is sponsoring Nintendo 64/Playstation Tournaments at the Youth center starting at 3 p.m. This event is free and open to all youth 11 to 17 years of age.
- SV Parks and Leisure Art Discovery Series presents Brad Richter & Sinead Pratschke in concert starting at 7 p.m. at the Buena HS Performing Arts Center. Call 458-7922 for info.
- Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.

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2nd Annual San Pedro River Spring Fest at the San Pedro House on SR 90.

- Latino Disco at La Hacienda from 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Call 533-7322 for details.

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The Vigilantes at the Helldorado Set in Tombstone

- at 1 p.m.

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San Pedro Kiwanis

- meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647.
- Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.
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- Habitat for Humanity meets at the SV United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Call Nancy Wigmore at 803-0281 for details.
- ACAP/TAP Three-Day Workshop at Bldg. 22420 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call Thom Haggood at 533-7314 for details and reservations.

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La Salida Del Sol Lions

- meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.
- SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.
- National Railroad Historical Society meets at PYCC at 7 p.m.
- AZ Rangers-SV Co. meet at Sierra Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. Call Lee Coppel at 417-2320.
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Latino Disco

- at La Hacienda from 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Call 533-7322 for details.

MCC = Murr Community Center

MPC = Main Post Chapel

OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center

Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-4823 or 533-2330

Army medical facilities not immune to vaccine shortage

*By Lyn Kukral, Public Affairs
Office of the Army Surgeon General*

Army medical treatment facilities are feeling the effects of a nationwide shortage of measles, mumps and rubella vaccine and chicken pox (varicella) vaccine.

The vaccines’ manufacturer, Merck & Co., Inc., said the shortage occurred because it made voluntary interruptions in manufacturing to address U.S. Food and Drug Administration inspection issues.

As well, the company completed planned facility modifications that took longer than anticipated. Merck is the only U.S. maker of MMR and chicken pox vaccines.

Merck estimates the shortage of MMR vaccine will end in about one to three months; the shortage of chicken pox vaccine will end by early summer.

“Patients should continue to contact their pharmacist or healthcare provider to determine when

their local medical treatment facility will have stock,” said Col. Mike Heath, pharmacy consultant to the Army surgeon general.

While MMR vaccine is required for all newly arriving trainees, most have been vaccinated and are immune prior to entering military service. As well, the Army only began using varicella vaccine among trainees in October 2001.

Thus, while the shortage affects Army medical treatment facility patients, it should not noticeably affect military readiness, according to Col. Jeffrey D. Gunzenhauser, preventive medicine doctor in the Army surgeon general’s office.

He emphasized the importance of maintaining vaccination records for those who miss either the MMR or chicken pox vaccine, so that the children can be recalled as soon as vaccine is available.

Parents should track their child’s record closely, as well, to ensure a followup appointment is scheduled.

MMR vaccine recommendations

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control’s Advisory Committee for Immunization Practice recommends that children receive the MMR vaccine in two doses, the first at age 12 to 15 months and the second at age 4 to 6 years. If medical providers are unable to obtain the MMR vaccine, the committee advises delaying the second dose.

“Measles can be most severe in these very young children — this is why the CDC says to make them a priority if a facility’s supply of the vaccine is limited,” Gunzenhauser emphasized.

“If your child is at or near age 4 to 6 years, the second dose can be delayed until a later time. Delaying the vaccine for these children is in keeping with the CDC’s recommendations during the shortage.”

Chicken pox vaccine recommendations

Chicken pox occurs most frequently in elementary-age children, although adolescents and

adults who get the disease usually suffer more severe cases.

“Normally the chicken pox vaccine is administered when a child is 1 to 1-1/2 years old,” Gunzenhauser said. “The CDC has recommended that the vaccine be delayed until the child is between 1-1/2 and 2 years old.”

The chicken pox vaccine has been in use only in recent years; before that, children typically endured the disease.

“Until recently, most children developed chicken pox, a common infection that produces a mild fever and a skin rash that normally resolves after about five days,” according to Gunzenhauser.

The CDC developed a prioritization scheme for administering the chicken pox vaccine during the shortage. CDC priorities can be viewed at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5109a6.htm>.

For the latest on nationwide vaccine shortages visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/news/shortages>.

Safety commission recalls HP power cord

CPSC release

WASHINGTON — In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Longwell Electronics, of Brea, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 2.5 million power cord sets sold with inkjet printers from Hewlett-Packard Company.

The connector can break, exposing electrical contacts and posing a shock hazard to consumers.

No injuries or incidents have been reported. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

The gray, two-wire power cord sets with a LS-7C connector were sold with the following HP printers: HP Deskjet 800 series and 900 series, HP Photosmart 1000 series, 1100 series, 1200 series, and 1300 series inkjet printers. The name “Longwell” is molded on the plug between the blades.

Department, computer, office and electronic stores including Best Buy, CompUSA, Costco, Office Depot, Office Max, Staples and Wal-Mart stores sold the printers with the Longwell cord sets nationwide between April 2001 and February 2002 for between \$100 and \$400.

Consumers should stop using these printers immediately and contact HP for a free replacement cord. For more information, consumers can contact HP at (877) 917-4378 anytime or visit the firm’s web site at www.hp.com.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC’s hotline at (800) 638-2772 or visit www.cpsc.gov/talk.html.

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New Baby Book catalog arrives in PXs Saturday

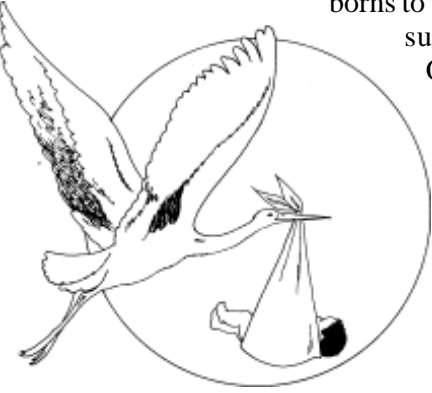
AAFES release

DALLAS — Your exchange is proud to announce the arrival of its newest catalog, the Baby Book, available worldwide Saturday.

The Baby Book catalog has everything for your “pride and joy,” with items for newborns to toddlers. It is filled with brand name merchandise, such as Carter’s, Gerber, Little Tikes, Evenflo, OshKosh and Laura Ashley. For mom, the catalog also offers maternity basics from Planet Motherhood.

To make shopping even easier, all exchange catalogs are now available online. During baby’s naptime, you can log on at aafes.com, usmc-mccs.org, navy-nex.com or cg-exchange.com.

Anyone with exchange privileges can order from this catalog through July, so be sure to pick-up a free copy at an exchange near you.



Chalk Talk

Colonel Johnston Elementary School

The Students of the Quarter for third quarter are Weston Good, Brittni Ciburk, Kelsey Carpenter, Kayla Preston, Sheridan Kitcheyan, Jesse Martin, Joshua Elliot, Bailey Janis, Gabriela Medina, Andre Courchene, Andrew Brown, Maddie Neely, Adriana Roper, Brittani Watkins, Nina Salinas, Emily Powell, Joshua Christensen, Hannah Plate, Justin Taylor and Kimberly Wilson.

The Students of the Week for March 18-22 are Kaylee McQuaid, Shaquille Lewis, Jeremy Larkey, Caleb Hollars, Stephen Wagner, Dion Williams and Joshua Christensen.

The Walking Jaguars walked 116 miles this week bringing their total to 758 miles. The top students were Corbin Miller, Jon Schott and Joshua Falgout.

Johnston third graders knew to brace themselves for an exciting science lesson as Fred Stahl unloaded his bags filled with fossils. Fred Stahl is the director of Cochise County Partners in Science and a former Colonel Smith Middle School science teacher.

These were not just ordinary fossils, but insects sealed intact by the translucent golden amber surrounding them. Upon examination these creatures and the many other types of fossils in their hands fascinated students.

In cooperative groups students observed the fossils’ different characteristics with a magnifying glass. Then, they guessed and labeled the name of each fossil. Stahl led them through the process of verifying their answers in a reference booklet, defined a fossil, explained pre-historic and compared them with an actual shark’s jaw with teeth and a sea urchin of today.

The involvement in learning peaked as the students examined, with a microscope, a large piece of amber with multiple animals inside. Stahl’s valuable collection and action-packed presentation caused students to extend their learning by writing a scientific report of their observations and procedures.

Despite having to move to General Myer Elementary School because of a water main break near Johnston school, **Johnston Parent, Teacher and Student Organization** spaghetti dinner and math night was a huge success. Nearly two hundred parents and students came March 12 to have a dinner out followed by a night of fun math activities. The PTSO sponsored the event in conjunction with the Title One Math Program. Many teachers and support staff as well as parent volunteers worked together to make the night a fun time for all. The PTSO also had a raffle at the end of the evening. Logan Woodbury was the winner of the grand prize, a \$100 Army, Air Force Exchange Service gift certificate. Shanique Chambers won the second prize, two Math Blasters Computer software programs.

On March 22, students celebrated “Egg Day.” They discussed the different types of eggs, the parts of an egg, the sizes

and shapes of eggs, and most importantly — the purpose of eggs. They then “painted” cookie eggs with frosting, colored paper eggs, water colored hard boiled eggs and decorated plastic eggs that contained goodies.

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the 7th Annual Cochise Youth Classic Run on March 16. Johnston School had 91 runners in the event. The 6- to 8-year-old girls took home the second place trophy with Gabriele Lesieuer placing fifth, Rachel Clemmer in sixth and Shani McCollum in ninth. In the 6- to 8-year-old boys race, Matthew Bowman took sixth place and Michael Murphy finished in 15th place.

The second-grade Musical Program was “Interplanetary Jammin’” featuring solar system facts and information. The children learned eight songs and there were 22 narrators telling the story between songs. A cross curriculum packet of games and activities about the solar system and the planets was distributed to the second-grade teachers to use as they chose. The parent volunteers created the scenery and costumes for 120 second-graders. The scenery depicted the solar system, the sun and the moon. The speakers were astronauts speaking out of their shuttle craft and the singers were space aliens. All second-graders decorated a star and the stars were placed throughout the solar system on stage. The children did a great job of singing and speaking. The audience was very appreciative and learned a lot about our solar system.

General Myer Elementary School

Audry Mapoles’ fifth-grade class will create probes. Each week a subject such as Paul Revere, will be researched and published on a large, white piece of art paper. Students must answer the following questions in paragraph form: What is it? Where is it? What does it do? What does it look like? And why is it important? In addition, the paper will have a title, a diagram or map and a border. So far, they have done one on the biomes and

the French and Indian War. Upcoming assignments include the Boston Tea Party.

Desiree Madarang’s fifth-grade class is beginning their unit on the solar system, which they will culminate with a Star Party on April 12. In social studies they are “fighting” the American Revolution and studying the Declaration of Independence.

Kim Tomlin’s fifth-grade class has just begun fractions in math. They enjoy using the fraction burgers. Their class has also started preparing for the Stanford 9s. In social studies they just finished reading about the Revolutionary War. They started the unit with an enlightening simulation called “The King’s M&Ms.” This activity really showed them what the patriots felt like before the Revolutionary War.

Students of the Month for March are: Zoe Bieranowski, Austin Worden, Michelle McCarron, Chris Bosse, Jamisha Watson, Javada Ciburk, Rachel Price, Carly Cummings, Marcos Dagnino, Shane Boardman and Andrew Cook. The focus for the month was on “friendship.” The focus for April will be on “feelings.”

Congratulations to the Myer students who helped put new trophies in the trophy case from the Cochise Youth Classic Run. Over 650 runners from 24 schools competed for individual and school honors. Myer School finished in fourth place in the 11- and 12-year-old girls category, led by Lisa Fiel in seventh place overall. George Beck was the first Myer School boy in the 11- and 12-year-old boys category in 17th place. Maria Bowman finished in fourth place to lead the 9- and 10-year-old girls to a second place team trophy. John Mercer finished first in the 9- and 10-year-old boys race to lead Myer to first place. Overall, Myer School had 109 students sign up.

The Magellan Running Club’s top fourth-grade girls were Taylor Williamson and Tori Martinez from Tom Crawford’s room with 17 points. Top fourth-grade boys were Chris Nugent from Crawford’s room, Juan Ventura and Justin Ulrich from Jan Camps’ room with 36 points. Top fourth-grade class was Crawford’s room with 80.5 miles. Top fifth-grade girl was Maria Bowman from Kim Tomlin’s room with 38 points. Top Fifth-grade boy was Jerel Wherry from Bonnie Burleson’s room with 46 points. Top fifth-grade class was Burleson’s room with 162.5 miles. Myer students ran 588 miles “around the globe” and now have 22,364 miles for the year.

Myer students return to school Tuesday.

Fifth-grade Science Fair winners

Biological
First place: Kristina Chesleigh with “What type of music makes a plant grow the fastest?”

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Pictured here are the participants of the 7th Annual Cochise Youth Classic Run. Congratulations to all of the children!

Courtesy photo from Johnston Elementary

Chalk Talk from Page 6

Second place: Brennon Church with “Dehydration: Does the sun really matter?”
Third place: Marcus Dagnino with “How to grow a healthy plant.”
Physical
First place: Jeleisa Gray with “Which solution will break down the egg shell and pass through it?”
Second place: Kate Kosowiec with “What temperature of water will dissolve food dye faster?”
Third place: David Arquette with “Will warm water freeze faster than cold water?”
Technical/Engineering
First place: Andrew Cook with “What is the effect of payload on an air rocket’s attitude?”
Second place: Brandon Kizer with “What wrapping materials keep eggs from breaking?”
Third place: David Bernheim with “Which stack of Legos will stack the tallest before falling?”
Other
First place: Jessica Creager with “What method of storage will keep a sliced apple freshest?”
Second place: Khrystopher Dent with “What kitchen cleaning product cleans a rusted penny best?”
Third place: Ashley Vergara with “How does mold grow?”
Best of Show
Riley Park with “Which soil makes plants grow the best?”

Fourth-grade Science Fair winners

Biological
First place: Elizabeth Williamson with “What type of bread molds the fastest?”
Second place: Adam Griffin with “Filtered light plant.”
Third place: Mercedes L. Cole with “Green house.”
Physical
First place: Jessica Patterson with “Speed vs. road surface.”
Second place: Tiffany Marshall with “What conducts electricity?”
Third place: Richard Williams with “Electromagnetism.”
Technical/Engineering
First place: Justin Ulrich with “Which wind turbine is the best?”
Second place: Hector Lagos with “Strongest bridge material.”
Third place: Brianna Shepherd with “What product protects eggs the best?”
Demonstration
First place: Nicole Foxworth with “Optical illusions.”
Second place: Chris Bell with “Volcano.”
Third place: Cody Akers with “Beams of light.”
Other
First place: Alex Sanchez with “Carpet cleaner.”
Second place: Tori Martinez with “Do expensive sodas taste best?”
Third place: Taylor Tracey with “Which brand of disposable diaper is best?”
Best of Show
Malia Alleman with “Which disposable diaper is the most absorbant?”



WWES photo

Water watchdogs

Brittany Snidar’s third-grade students and their substitute teacher, Sally Calhoun, completed a series of Water Wise and Energy Smart classes by celebrating their Water Wise graduation with Wettie the Waterdrop at Colonel Johnston Elementary School.

Soft drinks can lead to teeth decay, although less harmful at certain times of day

By Lt. Col. Charlene A. Czuszak
Special to The Scout

Dentists have traditionally blamed sticky, sugary foods such as toffee or even raisins for much of the nations tooth decay. Although tacky, sweet foods can threaten your dental health, sugar-sweetened soft drinks may be responsible for cavities.
Analyzing data on the dental health and diet patterns of a cross-section of the U.S. population, scientists have found a strong link between soft-drink consumption and the incidence of tooth decay.
Drinking carbonated soft drinks regularly can contribute to the erosion of tooth enamel surfaces. Soft drinks, which contain sticky sugars that bacteria in our mouths use as an energy source, break down into acids and adhere easily to tooth surfaces. These acids can attack tooth enamel, softening it and then eroding it. Enamel breakdown leads to cavities.
If erosion spreads beneath the enamel into the dentin, pain and sensitivity may eventually result. This is usually a precursor to nerve

infection, which can result in the need for a root canal.
Additionally, as we get older, some gum recession can occur, either as a symptom of gum disease or just due to advancing age. As gums recede, roots of the teeth gradually become exposed. These surfaces are softer than enamel and less resistant to decay.
Because saliva helps neutralize acids and washes your teeth clean, the worst time to drink soft drinks-ironically-is when you are very thirsty or dehydrated due to low levels of saliva. Saliva also contains calcium and phosphorus-minerals needed to keep dental tissues healthy.
Though Americans drink large quantities of soda, reports by the American Dental Association show tooth decay is most closely linked to the frequency with which sweetened soft drinks are consumed. The quantity that you drink each time is not nearly as strongly associated with tooth decay as how often the sugary liquid is consumed.
Diet soft drinks, which contain artificial sweeteners instead of sugar, are probably not a good alternative. Studies show evidence of

a link between soft-drink consumption and erosion of tooth enamel. The high acid content of both diet and regular soft drinks, especially when combined with the dehydrating effects of caffeine that is found in many soft-drinks, contribute to the erosion of tooth enamel.
Controlling your soft drink intake-regular or diet-makes good dental sense. Resolve to quench your thirst with water, a healthier alternative to soft drinks.
If you drink sodas, here are a couple of tips:
—Use a straw. This helps decrease the amount of sugar that sticks to your teeth.
—Drink soda pop only with a full meal.
—Brush and floss soon after drinking and/or eating. If you unable to brush immediately, chew sugarless gum to increase your saliva flow.
—Rinse with water. This will neutralize the acids left behind in your mouth and reduce bacteria by approximately 30 percent.
(Editor’s note: Reprinted from the Fort Stewart, Ga., Frontline)

CG solicits comments at sensing sessions

By Maj. Jeff Arquette
Inspector General

Fort Huachuca’s commanding general hosted the first four of 18 sensing sessions March 20 to gain insight into what the community is thinking.
In an ongoing effort to make Fort Huachuca a community of excellence, Brig. Gen. James A. Marks is soliciting comments, suggestions and concerns from military members and civilians who live or work on post. The focus of this year’s sensing sessions is quality of life.
Last week, Marks met for one hour each with four separate groups including: privates through specialists, sergeants and staff sergeants, sergeants first class and master sergeants, and first and second lieutenants.
He will continue to conduct sensing sessions over the next six months until he has heard from all groups of civilian and military members within the command
The sensing sessions are conducted with groups of 10-15 randomly selected members. None of the comments made during the sensing sessions are attributed to any individual or groups of individuals. The issues raised in these sensing sessions will be tasked out to the appropriate agencies to be researched and properly resolved.
A series of articles will be published in *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper to inform the community of the issues and what is being done to address them. So keep reading *The Scout* and looking for articles on how the sensing sessions are helping to improve quality of life on Fort Huachuca and make the post a community of excellence.

Forest Service hiring temporary employees

USDA Forest Service release

TUCSON, Ariz. — Applications for temporary employment with the USDA Forest Service are now available through a nationwide employment program.
The Automated Staffing Application Program makes it easier to apply for jobs at more than one location. The Forest Service fills thousands of temporary positions nationwide each year in archaeology, forestry, engineering, wild-life biology, recreation, fire management and other areas.
The temporary positions advertised include those on the 11 National Forests in Arizona and New Mexico. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, and may be asked to pass a physical fitness test and a drug test as a condition of hire.
Most of the jobs will be entry-level forestry aids and technicians assigned to firefighting duty. Some will require more specialized knowledge and skills. Salary rates range from \$8.64 to

\$14.66 (GS-2 through GS-7), and will vary based on location.
A listing of temporary fire and non-fire positions is found at www.fs.fed.us/r3/hr, and click on the desired National Forest.
Additional information about hiring through the Forest Service’s Automated Staffing Application Program, including the Recruitment Notices specific to various positions, are found at www.fs.fed.us/people/employ/asap/.
An application package can be requested by calling toll free (877) 813-3476; by writing Automated Staffing Application Program, 1249 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 108, Boise, ID 83709; or visiting your local Forest Service office.
The Recruitment Notices are open through November 2002. This employment system will be used for temporary jobs on the Coronado, Cococino, Kaibab, Prescott and Tonto National Forests in Arizona. For more information, visit the Web site at www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs.

Kudos Korner

CDC cafeteria receives PMWARS certificate of achievement

Congratulations to the New Beginnings Child Development Center cafeteria for receiving the Preventive Medicine Wellness and Readiness Service Certificate of Achievement. The cafeteria’s relentless pursuit of excellence led to the establishment receiving the highest overall rating on the monthly food service inspection for the month of February 2002.
Each month the food service establishment on Fort Huachuca with the best results on their Food Service Sanitation Inspection will receive a Certificate of Achievement from PMWARS. At the end of the year the establishment with the best overall rating for the year will be awarded a plaque in recognition of their outstanding service to the Fort Huachuca community. For more information regarding this recognition, call Sgt. Christopher Peet, noncommissioned officer in charge of PMWARS, at 533-9013.



PMWARS photo

LaJeanda Bishop, head cook, Child Development Center cafeteria, accepts a Certificate of Achievement for exceptional food sanitation from Spc. Jessica Fitzgibbon, environmental health technician, Preventive Medicine Wellness and Readiness Service.

New GSA Fleet rep handles fort’s vehicles

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Despite a transition in General Service Administration Fleet representatives, customers are still leaving messages and addressing mail to the former representative
Ed Weed, the former General Service Administration Fleet Representative, retired in January.
Although many GSA Fleet customers are aware the Fort Huachuca Fleet Office at the Transportation Motor Pool was closed, there are still many people leaving messages on the old phone number and addressing mail to him at the old post office box.
The new GSA Fleet Representative for Fort

Huachuca is Daniel Beaver. He can be reached on the following numbers: cell phone (520) 444-0538; office phone (520) 670-6401; and fax (520) 670-6446. His mailing address is GSA Tucson Fleet Office, 450 N. Grande, Tucson, AZ. 85745-2799
Beaver’s cell phone does not work in many areas on the fort. If you cannot reach him on that number, call the office line and leave a message. He calls and checks his messages hourly and will return your call as soon as possible.
If you have any questions, call Beaver on one of the above numbers, or contact Robert E. Pringle, Fleet Manager, Arizona Fleet Management Center, (602) 379-6620.

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BHS students participate in local Army Teen Panel conference

*By Kandice Grosinsky
Special to The Scout*

Six Buena High School students served as delegates on the Fort Huachuca Army Teen Panel Feb. 9.

Allison Boss, Kandice Grosinsky, Brittany McGarry, Nina Proctor, Sean Story and Bethany Totoris were asked to brainstorm problems affecting military dependants and possible solutions.

Among the issues discussed at the conference were communication at Buena High School, a community teen center and teen employment.

With the help of facilitator Marty Marks, and recorder Jo Richter, the teen panel set to work naming the five services on Fort Huachuca most valuable to high school students. The five services identified were civilian and military jobs, commissary, Post Exchange, MWR activities and post accommodation schools. Then it was time for the real work to begin.

The major challenge facing the delegates was to identify the three top issues affecting teenagers in the Fort Huachuca area and the Army community at large.

The ATP conference was not merely a forum for complaints, each issue must be accompanied by at least one, but no more than three recommendations for change. After much thought and deliberation, the panel narrowed the vast field of topics down to three main issues.

Community teen center

The first issue discussed was a community teen center.

Nearly every parent who has a teenager has heard the complaint that “there’s nothing to do.”

The ATP delegates felt that this was by far the first and most important issue facing Army teens. In order to combat boredom and the negative influences that are so common in today’s society, the teen panel felt that establishing a high school teen center would be a great way to provide local youth with a positive, healthy social environment.

The proposed teen center would be overseen by a governing body of teens that would be involved in all aspects of the center’s activities.

Also, reliable transportation to and from the teen center was requested to ensure easy access for military dependants both on and off post.

Teen employment

Teen employment was the second issue addressed by the panel. Local employers’ reluctance to hire teenagers has long been viewed as a hindrance to those teens seeking to gain work experience and sustain a steady income.

This affects a surprisingly large number of teenagers in the Fort Huachuca community. Again, the ATP delegates proposed solutions to help resolve the issue.

The first suggestion was to establish a teen employment panel with the Chamber of Commerce. This would help put teens seeking employment in touch with prospective employers. The second recommendation was to establish a summer/evening/weekend hire program.

Communication within BHS

The third and final issue discussed was the overall communication within Buena High School.

According to the ATP delegates, poor communication at Buena High School resulted in confused and frustrated students, parents and staff.

It was believed that improving communication throughout the school community would decrease circulation of inaccurate information and would greatly enhance the attitude within the school and amongst parents.

Again, the teen panel came up with three recommendations to improve the communication within Buena High School.

First, it was decided that the school must maintain and use the existing information systems including the school newspaper, website and in-class television sets.

The second recommendation was to hold student council accountable to the obligations set forth by its Constitution.

Finally, the delegates proposed that the school establish an issue forum by grade to discuss problems and possible solutions within the school.

At the end of the day, the six delegates were exhausted, but still enthusiastic about their ideas. On Feb. 21, Boss, Grosinsky, Proctor and Totoris returned to present their issues at the Army Family Action Plan conference.

Proctor, who had been elected at the first conference, served as the spokesperson for the teen panel.

All six delegates look forward to seeing their ideas put into action and plan on participating in next year’s conference.

Disabled retiree pay tops national list of 2002 Army Family Action Plan issues

*By Harriet Rice
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All disabled military retirees should be able to collect both disability and retirement pay without penalty. The 113 delegates to the 2002 Army Family Action Plan Conference voted that their top issue out of 108 issues they worked during the week of March 11.

At week’s end, spokespersons for each of eight work groups reported their three highest priority issues as Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John M. Keane and a host of senior Army leaders, spouses, and Defense Department officials listened.

“From what I’ve seen today, you’ve written your own chapter in the history of AFAP,” Keane told delegates in his closing remarks. “The leaders of the Army will deal with [the issues]. Some of them we will do; some of them we will not do. But every one of those issues will get action. That’s the important part,” he promised.

Keane praised the delegates and staff for their teamwork. “Teamwork is what drives the Army. It always has and it always will.”

This was Keane’s third Army-level AFAP conference; he and his wife, Terry, have been involved with the program since its inception in 1984 and has presided over nine installation AFAP conferences. He shared his insights about those early days.

“In the beginning, the issues were very dramatic because they were large and very compelling,” Keane said. “We hadn’t really put our focus on issues in quite this way. We had our work cut out for us. Now the issues are more discriminate; they’re still serious issues.”

A soldier retiree from Fort Bragg, N.C., briefed this year’s number one issue. Thomas Forrest drew cheers and applause as he reported with passion about retired soldiers who do not receive their full retirement pay if they

also receive Veterans’ Affairs disability pay.

“This offset unfairly penalizes retired disabled soldiers,” he charged, adding that recently enacted legislation allows concurrent payments, but lacks funding. He further pointed out that the legislation leaves out medically retired disabled soldiers with less than 20 years of service.

“All disabled soldiers deserve their full retirement pay and full VA disability,” he declared.

The work group’s recommendation called for full funding and inclusion of medically retired soldiers with less than 20 years of service.

Julia Bondurant, 5th Army, representing the Employment work group, explained how family members overseas hired into excepted appointments are not entitled to federal career-conditional status. This was another one of the conference top five issues.

“A career-conditional status when filled for three years converts to career status,” reported Bondurant. “Once a federal employee attains career status, they are afforded the rights and benefits of a federal employee. Career-conditional does not get that status.”

Because many spouses hired overseas can’t get career status, they can’t compete for federal jobs when they return to the states. “Therefore, all that time is for naught,” said Bondurant. This is an issue that affects morale, family finances and retention, she said.

“What we recommend is to allow family members in excepted appointments to be considered as career-conditional so they can work and gain their career status and get the rights they worked hard to earn.”

Single soldiers and youth also were represented with 12 and 5 delegates respectively. Crystal Simoneau, 17, from Aliamanu Military Reservation, Hawaii, and Sarah Starr, 16, from



Photo by Douglas Ide

Crystal Simoneau (left), 17, U.S. Army Pacific, and Sarah Staff, 16, U.S. Army Europe, briefed the top three issues from the Youth work group during the closing session of the Army Family Action Plan Conference March 15 in Alexandria, Va.

Rose Barracks, Vilseck, Germany, briefed three issues, asking the Army for closer monitoring of how Impact Aid is distributed and for funding to conduct youth leadership forums consistently throughout the major Army commands.

They also asked the Department of Defense Education Activity to fund physical education and add five periods of exercise per week to the curriculum.

“Before this [conference], I thought AFAP was just something that you do, and I didn’t know how far the issues went after we worked on them,” said Sgt. Christine Henry, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers coordinator for

eight installations in 8th Army’s Area II and Yongsan, Korea.

Henry, a logistician with five years in the Army, said she would carry the AFAP message back to BOSS soldiers. “I’ll tell them the AFAP process works, because the leadership of the Army does care about the soldier — and not only the soldiers who are in the active duty, but retirees, family members — the entire Army.”

The next Army level AFAP Conference is scheduled for Nov. 18-22, 2002.

For additional information about AFAP and the status of current and past issues, visit www.armymwr.com.